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SUBJECT: UNDP 22ND GOVERNING COUNCIL - FINAL SESSION

1. SUMMARY: THE DRAFT REPORT OF 22ND SESSION OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL WAS ADOPTED AT 6:30 P.M. 5 JULY AFTER FOUR HOURS OF DEBATE THAT WAS MARKED BY: 1) A RESERVATION BY THE ISRAELI OBSERVER POINTING OUT THAT UNDER THE PARTICIPANT FORMULA PROPOSED FOR THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WORLD CONFERENCE (WHICH WAS THE PARTICIPANT FORMULA USED FOR THE RECENT HABITANT CONFERENCE) THE PLO WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND AND TO ONCE AGAIN JEOPARDIZE THE WORK OF AN IMPORTANT WORLD CONFERENCE; 2) AN HOUR LONG SERIES OF BITTER PRRC-USSR EXCHANGES CONCERNING WORLD WIDE AGGRESSION, ARMS BUILD-UPS, GROWING THREATS OF A THIRD WORLD WAR, WHO IS THE REAL FRIEND OF THE THIRD WORLD, REJECTIONS OF ONE ANOTHERS SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS, ETC.; AND 3) AN EXTREMELY ADROIT, IMPARTIAL

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PRESIDING JOB BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ALARCON WHICH WAS

LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COUNCIL ADJOURNING ON SCHEDULE AMID A FLURRY OF EFFUSIVE PRAISE FOR SESSIONAL OFFICERS, THE SECRETARIAT AND UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE. END SUMMARY

2. FINAL SESSION OF 22ND GOVERNING COUNCIL JULY 5 FIRST TOOK UP THE 20 PAGE REPORT (DP/L 311 REV 1) OF TCDC COMMITTED WHICH WITH NUMEROUS NON-SUBSTANTIVES CHANGES WAS APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE.

3. FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE TCDC REPORT AN ISRAELI OBSERVER (WHO WAS MAKING HIS FIRST APPEARANCE IN PLENARY, HAD ATTENDED NONE OF THE FIVE TCDC COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WHO WHEN HE HAD INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE US DELEGATION MINUTES BEFORE TO FIND OUT THE STATUS OF THE HAVANA UNDP GC VENUE ISSUE HAD NOT INDICATED HE PLANNED TO SPEAK) RECORDED IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER GOVERNMENT OPPOSITION TO EXPECTED PARTICIPATION BY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SCHEDULED FOR BUENOS AIRES IN AUGUST 1977. REBUTTAL STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY KUWAIT WHICH RECALLED GA RESOLUTIONS AND ACCUSED ISRAEL OF SEEKING TO DESTROY PLO AND THE NATIONAL IDENTITY OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE; BY PRC WHICH EXPRESSED "INDIGNATION" AT ATTACK ON PLO; AND BY USSR WHICH DEFENDED PLO AS A TRUE LIBERATION MOVEMENT WITH THE RIGHT TO PURSUE ITS "STRUGGLE" IN ALL UN BODIES. CURIOUSLY, NO SPEAKER REFERRED TO AUDACIOUS ISRAELI RESCUE OF HIJACKING HOSTAGES IN UGANDA REPORTED EXTENSIVELY IN MORNING PRESS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT PRIOR TO THE ISRAELI INTERVENTION THERE HAD BEEN NO MENTION IN ANY OF THE FIVE TCDC COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE PLO EITHER IN CONNECTION WITH ITS POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE (SEE PARAGRAPH 15 OF DP/202 OF 7 MAY) OR OTHERWISE.

4. DESPITE COUNCIL PRESIDENT ALARCON'S REQUEST THAT ALL MEMBERS REFRAIN FROM REOPENING EARLIER DEBATES DURING CONSIDERATION OF REPORT, USSR AND PRC FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE FINAL MEETING OF A UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL ENGAGED IN THEIR NOW FAMILIAR BOUT OF POLEMICS. WITH INJURED INNOCENCE, USSR ACCUSED PRC OF SLANDER AND A CONTINUING FAILURE TO MAKE ANY CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO EITHER THE UNDP COUNCIL OR THE UN IN GENERAL. PRC WITH RISING INVECTIVE PURSUED ITS ATTACK AT LENGTH SIX INTERVENTIONS UNTIL ALARCON WARNED THE COUNCIL OF THE FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONSEQUENCES IF SESSION

SPILED OVER UNTIL JULY 6. FOLLOWING A BRIEF
ADJOURNMENT AND AIDED BY RAPPORTEUR GHOSE (INDIA),
A COMPROMISE WAS REACHED (SIMILAR TO THE COMPROMISE
REACHED AT THE 21ST SESSION) WHICH PROVIDED FOR ONE
SHORT, FAIRLY BLAND, PARAGRAPH SUMMARIZING THE VIEWS OF
EACH SIDE BEING INCLUDED IN THE REPORT (THE CHINESE
SUCCESSFULLY INSISTED THE RUSSIANS DROP THE PHRASE
"AND THE STRENGTHENING OF DETENTE" FROM ITS PARAGRAPH)
AND A FOOTNOTE IN THE REPORT THAT STATES "FOR FURTHER DETAILS
SEE UNDP GC SUMMARY RECORDS 522,527 AND 543."

5. SESSION ENDED ON UPBEAT AND EVEN SENTIMENTAL
NOTE WITH GUSH OF PRAISE FOR ALARCON, FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT AMB. HEDEMANN (NORWAY), SECOND VICE
PRESIDENT AMB. SALIFOU (NIGER) THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
CZARKOWSKI (POLAND), RAPPORTEUR GHOSE (INDIA) AND ADMINISTRATOR
MORSE. SINCERE EXPRESSIONS OF FAREWELL OFFERED TO
MISS GHOSE WHO LIKE HEDEMANN AND SALIFOU BECAUSE OF
TRANSERES WOULD BE TERMINATING THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH
UNDP GC SESSIONS.

6. CHIEFLY VIA THE MECHANISM OF CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE RAPPORTEUR HELD JUST BEFORE THE FINAL MEETING
COMMENCED, THE US DELEGATION WAS ABLE SUCCESSFULLY
AND WITHOUT CONTROVERSY TO GET APPROXIMATELY TEN
SMALL "BALANCING" AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED INTO THE
FINAL REPORT OF THE SESSION.DALE

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